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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME -- GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, in partnership with the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education, the State of Arkansas will celebrate International Education Week November 14-18, 2005; and

WHEREAS, let us recommit ourselves to promoting tolerance and building friendships between the United States and other nations; and

WHEREAS, international education and exchange include thousands of programs, public and private, campus-based and national, that promote the sharing of ideas and experiences across borders; and

WHEREAS, these programs include study abroad programs, citizen and scholarly exchanges, foreign students on U.S. campuses, area and foreign language studies, and global approaches to U.S. education; and

WHEREAS, currently, almost 3,000 foreign students are studying at Arkansas colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, in support of U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings, I call upon the citizens and institutions of Arkansas to participate in celebrating this week and to recognize the importance of international education in our lives and communities and to promote international educational exchange as a way to enhance mutual understanding and acceptance;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike Huckabee, acting under the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim November 14-18, 2005, as

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK

in the State of Arkansas and encourage all citizens of Arkansas to join in this observance.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 31st day of October, in the year of our Lord 2005.

Mike Huckabee, Governor

CHARLIE DANIELS, SECRETARY OF STATE

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